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In re Application of :
Colpitts et al. :
Application No. 09/549,342 : Decision on Petition for
Filing Date: April 13, 2000 : Patent Term Extension
For: REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL :
FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE :
REPRODUCTIVE TISSUES :

The above-identified application has been forwarded to the undersigned for consideration on the petition styled as "Request for Reconsideration Concerning Document Entitled Determination of Patent Term Extension Under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)," which was received on February 25, 2005, for the above-identified application. See 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) and 37 CFR 1.701.

The petition is dismissed.

The petition appears to be a petition under 37 CFR 1.182, however the required fee has not been paid. After mailing of this decision, the above-identified application will be returned to the Office of Publications. The rules and statutory provisions governing the operations of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office require payment of a fee on filing each petition. See 35 U.S.C. § 41(a)(7).

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted as a petition under either 37 CFR 1.182 or 37 CFR 1.183 with the required fee within TWO (2) MONTHS of the patent issue date.

Telephone inquiries with regard to this communication should be directed to Mark O. Polutta at (571) 272-7709.

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